

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 15

June 28, 2001

SUBJECT: PROCEDURE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PARKING CITATIONS

PURPOSE: Most parking violations were decriminalized in 1993 and failure to pay a parking citation now results in a non-criminal remedy such as a hold being placed on the vehicle's registration. Therefore, the courts do not accept most parking violations issued on a personal service citation. The only two exceptions, which could be cited either on an absentee or personal service citation were a violation of 22500(h) of the Vehicle Code (VC) (Double Parking) and 22526(a) VC (Gridlock). However, the court has recently notified all local law enforcement agencies that it will no longer accept a Double Parking violation on a personal service citation. This Order revises the procedure for citing Double Parking violations.

PROCEDURE: All parking citations, other than a violation of 22526(a) VC (Gridlock), shall be issued on an absentee citation. A Gridlock violation is the only violation that may be cited either on an absentee citation or on a personal service citation when the citing officer observes the driver commit the violation.

AMENDMENTS: This Order amends Section 4/318.10 of the Department Manual.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: The Commanding Officer, Uniformed Services Group, shall monitor compliance with this directive in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.

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